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1. On 25 March 1952, a general inspected the troops in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ilberstaedterstrasse, Bernburg (M 52/D 76). The troops assembled in four units of 373 men each. The units were organized into two groups of 100 men each and the remainder formed groups of 25 to 30 men. Ten JS-1 tanks and 4 T-34/85 tanks practiced driving between the barracks installation and the cemetery. Lieutenant Colonel Dulsky (fnu), the administrative officer, was transferred to Potsdam and succeeded by another lieutenant colonel in February 1952. From rumors circulating among the soldiers, the unit was scheduled to move to the Breitenhagen troop training grounds on the Elbe River southeast of Barby (M 52/D 82) on 30 April.

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2. In mid-March, about 80 iron parts of bridge equipment were piled up in an unguarded area on the stagnant branch of the Saale River near Bernburg. A picture was obtained of these iron sections. Three rows of 6 to 8 piles each were driven in the stagnant branch of the Saale River, the piles were placed 10 meters apart. \*

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3. On 31 March, most of the bridge equipment at the stagnant branch Saale River had been shipped away. Twenty-seven soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia loaded the rest of the wooden planks and two iron pontoons onto trucks and drove to the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. The wooden piles in the river had also been removed. \*

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at the beginning of March 1952 that advance parties had left toward an undetermined direction and that 80 iron bridge sections had been piled by the stagnant branch of the Saale River.

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The strength estimate of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG in the present report is a little too high even if the tank unit is taken into consideration. However, it may be correct. the regiment to have been scheduled to move to Gosslau in mid-March 1952. It is also possible that the unit moves to Breitenhagen.

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